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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN POSITION ON CUBAN QUESTION IN OAS

REF WHITE/MAISTO TELECON OF APR 2/74

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1. WE ARE QUITE CERTAIN THAT COLOMBIA'S POSITION ON CUBA CONTINUES TO BE SUPPORT FOR A VENEZUELAN TYPE FORMULA UNDER WHICH EACH NATION WOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER OR NOT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. IF VENEZUELA MADE A SIMILAR PROPOSAL AT THE OASGA, COLOMBIA WOULD SUPPORT IT WITHOUT REGARD TO THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER NATIONS IN ORDER NOT TO RISK CREATING NEW TENSIONS IN THE NOW EXCELLENT COLOMBIAN/VENEZUELAN RELATIONS. FONMIN SCHACHT ARRIVED IN BOGOTA APR 3, OSTENSIBLY TO PURSUE THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE OFFSHORE BOUNDARY DISPUTE BUT WE CAN REASONABLY ASSUME THE WASHINGTON MTG AND THE OASGA WILL BE DISCUSSED.

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3. IF ANOTHER NATION PROPOSED A FORMULA THAT WOULD LEAVE

EACH MEMBER FREE TO DECIDE THE QUESTION OF CUBA FOR ITSELF,
WE EXPECT COLOMBIA WOULD GO ALONG IF A MAJORITY SEEMED TO BE IN
FAVOR.

4. EVEN IF SANCTIONS ARE REMOVED OR MODIFIED, WE DOUBT PRESENT
ADMINISTRATION WILL RECOGNIZE CUBA. VAKY

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